

CHILD AND FAMILY LAW (LLM)

What defines a family? How are children's rights evolving? The practice of child and family law requires both a sensitive manner and a discerning legal mind. The Master of Laws (LLM) in Child and Family Law degree program is designed to sharpen and inform both needs. We offer a comprehensive study of the latest in child law trial practice and legislation, international rights for children, adoption law, and domestic violence.

The opportunity to work closely with nationally-recognized faculty members and experienced practitioners in the field means you'll be well-versed in this evolving discipline.

Curriculum

Tailored to meet your background, interests, and professional ambitions, the program may be completed fully online, fully on-campus, or as a hybrid in one year or two years, depending on your pace. The curriculum is designed for maximum flexibility to meet your individual interests and needs. Students in the LLM program may elect to concentrate their studies in traditional family law, child law, or a combination of each.

Courses

You choose from a range of courses including family law, elder law, family finances law, legal marketing, child custody, adoption law, juvenile justice, child welfare, and international child rights. You may wish to create an emphasis within either family law or child law.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		3
LAW 651	LL.M. Childlaw Paper	
Elective Courses		21
LAW 110	Labor and Employment Law in the Education Workplace	
LAW 166	Education Law Practicum	
LAW 198	The Fundamentals of School Law	
LAW 249	Human Trafficking: Advancing Protections for Children Practicum	
LAW 312	Street Law	
LAW 348	Law & Poverty	
LAW 426	Special Education Law and Advocacy	
LAW 456	Mediation Seminar	
LAW 554	Family Law Practicum	
LAW 572	Special Education Dispute Resolution	
LAW 578	Student Disciplinary Hearing Workshop	
LAW 602	ChildLaw Trial Practice (Intensive)	
LAW 603	Interdisciplinary Seminar on Domestic Violence	
LAW 608	Juvenile Justice	
LAW 617	Policy Practicum: Issues in Childlaw	
LAW 620	Childlaw Clinic	
LAW 623	Advanced Domestic Relations Law Practicum	
LAW 624	Advanced Domestic Relations Law Practicum II	
LAW 631	ChildLaw Graduate Extern	
LAW 641	Childlaw Directed Study	
LAW 643	Children's Legal Rights Executive Journal Editor	
LAW 644	Chldrn Leg Rights Jrnl Assoc Editors	

LAW 645	Children's Legal Rights Journal Senior Editors
LAW 669	Education Law and Policy
LAW 670	Child Welfare Law and Policy
LAW 680	ChildLaw MJ Independent Study
LAW 689	Family Law
LAW 690	Financial Aspects of Divorce

Total Hours **24**

Family Law Concentration

You can choose from a range of courses including family law, elder law, family finances law, and legal marketing

Children's Law Concentration

Loyola's comprehensive curriculum includes child welfare, juvenile justice, child custody, adoption law and international child rights.

Degree Requirements

To earn an LLM in Child Law degree, you must compete a total of 24 hours, including the 3 credit hour LLM thesis. Visit our Registrar (<https://www.luc.edu/law/currentstudents/registrar/>) for a complete list of degree requirements, academic calendars, and registration process. You may access full course descriptions through our student information (<https://locus.luc.edu/psp/cs92prd/?cmd=login>) system through guest access.

Learning Outcomes

You will be able to:

- Conduct complex and specialized legal research and analysis
- Participate in scholarship that contributes to the greater understanding of law and policy as it affects children and families
- Explain how child development and family dynamics influence child and family law and policy
- Compare perspectives on issues facing children and families in a global environment
- Describe the historical, socio-economic and cultural context in which child and family laws, policies and practices are developed and implemented
- Identify and articulate areas in which laws and policies should be improved to promote positive outcomes for children, families and communities
- Identify the unique legal and ethical needs and circumstances of child and adolescent clients